

Weekly Status & Information Report
December 31, 2012 - January 4, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 7, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Ethics Commission meeting, Tuesday, January 8, 8:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Commit to Stay Fit! Now is the Time!: TOMORROW, Saturday, January 5, the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) will be host to a Fitness Expo (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Twenty-minute demonstrations, interactive presentations, health screenings/seminars and much more. Mark your calendar!! For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

3. Book of Wishes Workshop - TOMORROW - Saturday, January 5: Start out your new year learning how a Buddhist Prayer Wheel inspired artist Sushmita Mazumdar to create a little secret book for her own wishes, hopes, and promises. Make your own Book of Wishes, decorate it with script from prayer flags, and fill it with your hopes for the new year! Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013. 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Art Room at the Takoma Park Community Center. Free Admission. www.facebook.com/events (Housing and Community Development)

4. Songs with Madame Murie: This Saturday – January 5 – Madame Marie returns with songs and rhymes in French for families with younger children. Join us for "Petites chansons" at 10:30 a.m. (Library)

5. Adult Volleyball Begins Monday: Adults...adults...open courts for volleyball will be available for adult "drop in" play from 8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.). This new program is open to men and women ages 18 and over. Individuals of all skill levels are welcome to participate. All games are self-officiated. Program is free with membership or \$5 per person drop-in fee. Program runs each Monday starting January 7, 2013. For additional information please contact BradleyW@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7282. (Recreation)

6. Bedtime Stories: On Monday, January 7, Ms. Karen presents Bedtime Stories at 7:00 p.m. Come in PJs – best for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grownups. (Library)

7. New MetroExtra K9 Route - Monday, January 7: Celebrate the launch of the new K9 MetroExtra service on New Hampshire Avenue, running from Fort Totten Metro Station past Langley Park. This line serves one of the busiest bus routes in Maryland and is a response to riders' concerns about crowding and scheduling on the K6 line. The event is at Fort Totten Station (Bus Bay A) on January 7 at 10:00 a.m. See <http://theNewAve.com/do/k9-launch> (<http://thenewave.com/do/k9-launch>). (Housing and Community Development)

8. Comics Jam: Our ever popular Comics Jam with Dave Burbank will be held Tuesday, January 8, at 4:00 p.m. Share your favorites as Dave reads comics on the big screen. (Library)

9. The Birthday Club: The Caldecott Birthday Club will meet Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. Join Ms. Karen in a discussion of Caldecott-winning picture books from the 1980s. Great for all ages! (Library)

10. Opening Artist's Reception - Friday, January 11: Please join us next Friday, January 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the opening of four new exhibits in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center. Featured artists are Alice Shih, Mohamed "Amdy" Adje, Michael Harrington and Thien Nguyen. Learn more about the artists and catch a glimpse of their work at www.facebook.com/events. (Housing and Community Development)

11. Teen Volunteers needed – for Community Day of Service!: Earn 'Student Service Learning' (SSL) hours while celebrating the life, legacy, and history of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To volunteer for this service project please contact Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7290 or LeiciaM@takomagov.org. Project/Event: Saturday, January 12, 2013, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Piney Branch Elementary School, 7510 Maple Avenue, Multi-purpose Room. (Recreation)

12. Community Center Class Demo Day - January 12: Save the date!! On Saturday, January 12, 2013, the Recreation Department will be hosting a day of FREE class demonstrations. That's right - FREE!!! This will be your opportunity to come out and see some awesome Recreation programs in action. You will be able to meet some of the instructors and even register for your favorite class or program. The event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a variety of programs on hand such as dance, drama, art, fitness, nature, multimedia and martial arts, to name a few. All ages are welcome as there will be something for everyone. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

13. Sidewalk Design Meeting -7500 block of Jackson Avenue: The next meeting to review the revised sidewalk design plans will

take place Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Rose Room. (Public Works)

14. Live Streaming Event: There is still time to register to attend the John Green Live-Streaming event from Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Takoma Park is the only venue in the metro area to show this event, celebrating the anniversary of "The Fault in Our Stars," (voted by Time Magazine as the best book of the year for any age), and there are already more than 100 people registered. Representatives from Politics and Prose will be on hand with copies of John Green's books. You must register on-line to attend. Register at www.tinyurl.com/AwesomeNerdfighters. (Library)

15. Flower Avenue Green Street Design: Preliminary designs for the Flower Avenue Green Street project have been prepared. Please join the design team and City staff on Thursday, January 17, 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Wilkinson Hall (Washington Adventist University campus - Flower Avenue and Division Street) to review the plans and provide input and get questions answered. The agenda includes informal review of plans from 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., brief introduction of design team and project overview from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and break out into groups to review proposal in more detail on a block by block basis from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Public Works)

16. Tenant Summit Meeting - Saturday - January 26: Are you interested in meeting other tenants to discuss issues of common concern? Then come to the Tenant Summit, which will be held on Saturday, January 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Community organizers Rozanne Look and Mario Cristaldo will be the facilitators and look forward to seeing you there. Pizza and drinks will be provided. For further information or to register, call 301.891.7222 or e-mail at takomaparkMD@gmail.com. (Housing and Community Development)

17. Next Meeting: The Friends Reading Group next meets on Tuesday February 12 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather. Copies are available at the Library, and all are invited to attend. Discussions of James Joyce's "Ulysses" will begin March 6 with a lecture by a noted Joyce scholar. The Library is offering multiple ways to listen to "Ulysses" read aloud - contact us for details. (Library)

18. New Ave Garden Grant - Deadline Extended: Application deadline for the New Ave Garden Grant is extended to March 1, 2013. Grants fund long term improvements for your community to make a difference, from a small tree that is watered and cared for to a full park renovation! To learn more and apply, contact the Planning Division at 301-891-7119 or see <http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant> (<http://www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant>). (Housing and Community Development)

19. Small Community Grant Program: The Small Community Grant Program has funds remaining for the current fiscal year. Community groups may apply for competitively awarded small grants (under \$2500) to be used by June 30, 2013. See the complete notice at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/sc-grants/index.html>. (City Clerk)

20. Requests for 2014 Funding: Community organizations that wish to request funding from the City of Takoma Park for the 2014 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) should submit applications by January 22. This process is for requests over \$2500. Complete information is available online at: http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/lg_grant/index.html. (City Clerk)

21. Futsal League - Sign Up Today!!: Parents, are you looking for a way to keep your star soccer player active during the cold winter months? Well, why not have them participate in the 2013 Futsal league. This league provides a forum for athletes to manage their soccer skills and learn some new ones too. Registration is now open but space is limited. Program is open to girls and boys in grades 2-4. All participants will be assigned to teams and provided team shirts for league play. All games are played on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and are held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave.) To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282 or BradleyW@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

22. Baby Boomer Focus Group: On December 5, the Recreation Department held a Baby Boomer 50 plus focus group event at the Takoma Park Community Center. Two groups of 10 participants, ranging in ages between 50 and 65 were invited to share their insight and recommendations for programming ideas that appeal to their interests and the marketing needed to attract this specific population. Participants provided wonderful ideas and suggestions that will be used for future seniors programming. Look for more information and details from these focus groups to be reported in early 2013. (Recreation)

23. Seniors Enjoy End of Year Festivities: What a fabulous way for the Silver Foxes to end the year. Eighteen seniors began the festivities on Thursday, December 13, with an evening trip to see the Winter Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park. On Friday, December 14, sixteen seniors enjoyed cake, ice cream and fun as they joyously celebrated their October, November and December birthdays at their Winter Birthday Party. More holiday fun happened on Monday evening, December 17, as 40 seniors attended a holiday event featuring singing and dancing performances by the New Dimension Singers in "A Warm and Wondrous Christmas" followed by the Aftercare Children Carolers. The evening concluded with light refreshments and a sing-a-long performance by the Takoma Park Community Band Brass Ensemble. Everyone enjoyed these festive seasonal events. (Recreation)

24. Senior Holiday Shopping Fun: Sixteen seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to the Mall in Columbia on Tuesday, December 18, for some last minute holiday gift shopping. Seniors enjoyed this last trip of the year and look forward to more great trips in March. (Recreation)

25. Teen Nvasion - Winter Break, Teen Style!: For many, the holidays signal a hectic time, but for the teens in Takoma Park, the

holidays meant time off from school and fun with friends. During the winter break, more than 30 teens participated in holiday activities included trips to the movies and bowling. For more information on Teen Programs or the Teen Nvasion program, please contact Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7283. (Recreation)

26. Winter Basketball League – Volunteers Needed: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for spirited and dedicated people to volunteer as coaches, game clock attendants and score keepers. The Winter Basketball League serves over 600 girls and boys in and around Takoma Park in grades K-8 each season. Must be able to volunteer on Saturdays. No experience is necessary as training is provided. For additional information on how to volunteer please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282 or BradleyW@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

27. Safe Routes to School Update: The Safe Routes to School Coordinator conducted one Crosswalk Simulation Activity at East Silver Spring Elementary School and three Bike Rodeos at Piney Branch Elementary School this week. (Housing and Community Development)

28. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (December 21, 2012 – January 3, 2013) may be viewed online at <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. (Police)

29. Traffic Enforcement: (This is for two weeks) - Officers conducted at least 174 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds, two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic and one arrest from traffic.

During December 27, 2012 – January 3, 2013, the following details were completed:

December 27

- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (no left turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

December 28

- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (no left turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

December 31

- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued six warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

January 2

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (no left turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Houston Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

January 3

- 600 block of Ethan Allen Avenue (observation & enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning. (Police)

30. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of 12/31/12 – 1/3/13

State citations: 18

Calls for service: 6

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 2

Warnings issued: 6

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

Foot patrol: 2 hours

On-view Arrests: 1

(Police)